



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

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TO: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor  
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**SUBJECT: QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING  
PROGRESS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OAK WOODLANDS  
CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN  
(October 7, 2008, Item 95-C)**

On October 7, 2008 your Board requested appropriate County staff to participate in the California Oak Woodlands Conservation Program and instructed the Director of Planning to facilitate actions to assist the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (Resource Conservation District) in its preparation of the Los Angeles County Oak Woodlands Conservation Management Plan (Oak Woodlands Plan). The Resource Conservation District convened a working group called the Los Angeles County Oak Woodlands Conservation Strategic Alliance (Strategic Alliance) to write the Plan. The Los Angeles County Fire Department and Department of Regional Planning has provided technical assistance to the Strategic Alliance. This is the tenth quarterly status report that summarizes the progress of the Oak Woodlands Plan.

The draft Oak Woodlands Plan was released on October 27, 2009 for public comment and an informational presentation regarding the Plan was made to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) on March 17, 2010. On April 14, 2010 the RPC submitted a letter to your Board expressing its appreciation for the financial support provided to the Resource Conservation District to pursue development of the Oak Woodlands Plan.

Through the remainder of 2010 and into early 2011 the Strategic Alliance comprehensively revised the draft Oak Woodlands Plan. The final draft Oak Woodlands Plan was released by the Resource Conservation District on March 11, 2011 and was made available at [www.lacountyoakwoodlandplan.org](http://www.lacountyoakwoodlandplan.org). The Resource Conservation District also mailed copies of the final draft Oak Woodlands Plan to your Board offices.

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The final draft Oak Woodlands Plan is structured in two parts. Part I contains the required elements necessary to allow for access to state funds by landowners who voluntarily want to preserve or protect oak woodlands, and Part II provides recommendations for planning and implementation that may be incorporated into County regulations and documents to further increase the preservation and protection of oak woodlands.

The Department of Regional Planning and County Counsel is now reviewing the final draft Oak Woodlands Plan and will prepare a letter to your Board regarding adoption and implementation of the Plan.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Mark Herwick of my staff at (213) 974-6423 or by email at [mherwick@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:mherwick@planning.lacounty.gov). Our office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays.

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